



16349/A  
JTE  
PATENT  
SP01-208B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yijia Bao et al.

**Preliminary Amendment**

Serial No: 09/925,808

Group Art Unit: 1634

Filed: August 9, 2001

Examiner: Ethan Whisenant, Ph.D.

Title: TREATMENT OF SUBSTRATES  
FOR IMMOBILIZING  
BIOMOLECULES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 6, after BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, please add the following paragraph:

[0019A] This application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by Applicant upon request and payment of the necessary fee.